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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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For: REINFORCING BAR BINDER, WIRE)	
REEL AND METHOD FOR)	
IDENTIFYING WIRE REEL)	

FIFTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a statement is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents is enclosed.

I, the undersigned, hereby state in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

U.S. Patent No. 5,515,887 and European Patent No. 0 751 270, cited in the European Search Report, have been previously cited in this application. Therefore, duplicate copies of these references are not submitted herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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